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I am writing today in support of Bill #346 - AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR EVASION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY AN OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE CASE OF INJURY OR DAMAGE.

The fact that someone would willingly evade a scene of an accident and only come forward when the statute of limitations has been exceeded is sad in itself. But, what is worse is that there is a statute of limitation for such a crime.

Whether the person left knowing the severity of the injuries or not it is still a crime. There should be no statute of limitation on a crime that leaves a person to die due to their injuries caused by someone else's negligence.

Johnathen Stewart was left to die. The person who hit him could have stopped. The person who hit him could have stepped forward before now. The person who hit him left his family in anguish for 13 years. The person who hit him still lives on with no consequence for what he has done. This is unacceptable. Regardless of the circumstances that caused the accident there is no way that this person did not know that the victim died. He has had years to come forward and chose not to. For that should be punishable in itself.

I am in full support of Bill No. 346.

Sincerely,

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